Amendments to the Abstract:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

The present invention relates to In a method of monitoring the reliability of a data link for a data transmission between a server (2) and a client (8) [[.]], a [[A]] control unit (14) is triggered by means of a trigger signal in such a manner that in response to the arrival of the trigger signal the control unit (14) generates first control data for a predetermined running time which commences anew in response to each trigger signal received[[,]]. The which first control data forms a first control representation (23) on a client display screen (11), which first control representation optically indicates the existence of a reliable data link (4) to a user[[;]]. The the control unit (14) generates, after expiration of the running time, second control data which generates a second control representation (23') on the client display screen (11) which optically indicates the absence of a reliable data link to the user. A control unit (15) periodically transmits a test message to a test unit (18). The test unit (18) returns the incoming test message or another test message to the server (2). The control unit (14) is triggered again only if the returned test message is in order. The period with which the control unit (15) repeats the transmission of the test messages is shorter than the running time during which the control unit (14) generates the first control data.

Fig. 2